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1. (C) ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CEASE-FIRE.

ILNAC HAS REPORTED NO CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS DURING THE 24-HOUR PERIOD ENDING AT 0800 HOURS LOCAL, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

2. (C) HADDAD ENDS UNIFIL BLOCKADE.
ILNAC INFORMED OUR DAO THAT SA'AD HADDAD LIFTED HIS BLOCKADE OF NAQOURAH ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 19. ROADS ARE NOW CLEAR BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF UNIFIL HEADQUARTERS AND UNIFIL COMMANDER GENERAL CALLAGHAN RETURNED TO NAQOURAH BY HELICOPTER THIS MORNING, NOVEMBER 19, FROM BEIRUT. THE SITUATION ON HILL 880 REMAINS UNCHANGED, HOWEVER.

3. (U) PRESIDENT SARKIS MEETS WITH ARAFAT.
A. THE LOCAL PRESS' MAIN STORY TODAY IS THE NOVEMBER 18 MEETING AT ASH-SHIBANIYAH (SARKIS' HOME TOWN) BETWEEN PRESIDENT ILYAS SARKIS, PRIME MINISTER SHAFIQ AL-HAZZANI, PLO CHIEF YASIR ARAFAT AND PLO DEPUTY ABU IYAD (SALAH KHALAF). THE MEETING WAS INTENDED TO FORGE SOME TYPE OF COMMON GOL-PLO POSITION FOR THE APPROACHING ARAB SUMMIT AT FEZ. ARAFAT'S PRESS STATEMENTS FOLLOWING THE MEETING ONLY REFERRED TO GENERAL COOPERATION; NOT TO AGREEMENT ON ANY SPECIFIC POINTS.
B. THE LOCAL PRESS NOTES THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOL AND ARAFAT HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY COOL SINCE THE 1979 TUNIS ARAB SUMMIT WHEN THERE WAS OPEN CONFLICT BETWEEN THE GOL AND PLO POSITIONS.

4. (U) ASSASSINATION OF SHI-A LEADER ATTEMPTED.
INDEPENDENT L'ORIENT-LE JOUR WRITES THAT GUNMEN FIRED ON SUPREME ISLAMIC SHI'A COUNCIL MEMBER (MUHAMMAD HUSAYN FADLALLAH) ON NOVEMBER 18. HE WAS UNHURT; BUT HIS BODYGUARD WAS KILLED. THE PAPER SAYS THIS IS THE SECOND ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST FADLALLAH. (THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT MAY HAVE BEEN IN RETALIATION FOR THE MURDER OF PRO-IRAQI BA'ATH PARTY LEADER TAHSIN AL-BA'ASH ON NOVEMBER 17 (REFTEL).

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5. (U) BEIRUT AREA.
A. INDEPENDENT AN-NAHAR WRITES THAT NOVEMBER 19 SAW RELATIVELY LIGHT ACTION ALONG THE CONFRONTATION LINE FROM SODECO AND AL-BIRJAWI TO THE FORMER COMMERCIAL AREA. PHALANGE LE REVEIL CLAIMS THERE WAS SPORADIC RPG FIRE, PARTICULARLY IN THE ST. JOSEPH AREA. HOWEVER, L'ORIENT-LE JOUR REPORTS THAT ONE PERSON WAS KILLED BY SNIPER FIRE.
B. THE BEIRUT AREA IS GENERALLY CALM AS OF 1100 HOURS, NOVEMBER 19.

6. (U) ADF OFFICER KILLED.
AN-NAHAR REPORTS THAT IN TRIPOLI ON NOVEMBER 18 AN ADF MAJOR WAS KILLED AND HIS CHAUFFER WOUNDED BY UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN. THE ADF HAS DEPLOYED IN FORCE IN THE AREA, BUT SO FAR THE IDENTITY OF THE ATTACKERS IS NOT KNOWN.

7. (U) UNIFIL INTERCEPTS INFILTRATORS.
OFFICIAL RADIO ISRAEL (FBIS TA190514) AND L'ORIENT-LE JOUR REPORT THAT FIJIAN UNIFIL TROOPS INTERCEPTED FOUR ARMED INFILTRATORS NEAR NAQURAH DURING THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 18-19. THE MEN WERE DISARMED AND SENT BACK TO THE TYRE AREA.

8. (U) EAST BEIRUT EXPLOSION.
AN-NAHAR REPORTS THERE WAS A BOMB EXPLOSION IN FRONT OF A CAFE ON NOVEMBER 18 IN THE BURJ HAMMUD AREA OF EAST BEIRUT. THE BOMB DESTROYED FOUR CARS, BUT CAUSED NO CASUALTIES.

9. (U) FOR DIA: THIS REPORT RESPONDS TO DIRED-69218.
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